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Water leak causes extensive damage to Eighteen63

Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

In the early hours of Saturday morning, in the loft apartments above Aggierville's

Parker Robb | Collegian

A sensor was triggered in Eighteen63's emergency sprinkler system causing the whole bar to be doused in four to five inches of water early Saturday morning. The bar was to celebrate its one-year anniversary that very day.

Eighteen63, the sensor on a sprinkler system faucet was knocked loose, resulting in a leak that dumped between 30 and 50 gallons of water per minute into the restaurant and bar for about 20 minutes.

According to Richard Galli, owner of Eighteen63, the business was planning on celebrating the one-year anniversary of its opening tonight.

"We had fliers out all week, we were going to have \$6 steaks, champagne, dollar wells, we were pretty much

going to give everything away for free," Galli said. "We really wanted to thank all of our customers for getting us this far."

The water resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damage and could keep the bar closed for two to six weeks. Galli said that the leak caused roughly 70 percent of the ceiling tiles in the bar to fall, damaged several light fixtures and caused a lot of liquor bottles and glassware to break. When the fire department called Galli at 3:42 a.m., there were four to five inches

of standing water on the restaurant's laminate floors.

Although Galli said he doesn't know exactly who or what damaged the sprinkler head and caused the leak, it happened at an after party thrown by one of the loft tenants after the bars had closed.

"I know they interviewed a lot of kids trying to figure out who did it," Galli said. "I doubt they'll ever find out who."

Galli said that between 10

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Gun control in local, national spotlight

Sean Frye
staff writer

On Jan. 16, President Barack Obama signed several gun control proposals as part of his current efforts to address the issue of gun violence. In those proposals Obama called for required criminal background checks for all gun sales, a ban on assault weapons, a 10-round limit on magazines and a ban on armor-piercing bullets.

Tragedies such as the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings, the two Topeka police officers who were fatally shot three days later, the shootings at the movie theater in Aurora, Colo., and countless others have shoved the issue of gun violence into the national spotlight.

In the state of Kansas, a traditionally red state that votes conservative and typically favors gun rights, conversations amongst government officials and law enforcement regarding plans to prevent and possibly react to such a massacre are ongoing.

One K-State student who can personally relate to gun violence is Allie Young, freshman in open option.

Young was one of the first people shot in Aurora on July 20, 2012, when alleged gunman James Holmes stormed a packed theater and opened fire. She spent significant time in the hospital because of her injuries, but survived thanks to the help



photo illustration by Hannah Hunsinger

all be done to help prevent a tragedy such as Sandy Hook from happening here at K-State.

Many opinions differ on the issue of assault weapons having a negative impact on our society. Jacob Anderson, freshman in secondary education, is a K-State student whose family was affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy. Anderson's aunt is the principal at New Fairfield High School, in New Fairfield, Conn., which is in the same school district as Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"I believe that guns should be used for protection, but there should be a more extensive process in order to get a license to carry," Anderson said. "I also believe assault weapons and assault rifles serve no purpose or benefit to society."

Representative Sydney Carlin is a democrat who represents the 66th District in Kansas, which encompasses part of Manhattan, including K-State. She said that while she favors a citizen's right to own a gun, changes must be made in the law to prevent the tragedies that have become far too common.

"The types of guns available

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Bull-riding competition draws crowd to K-State



Mike Stanton
assistant news editor

On Friday, cowboys from around the country came to Weber Arena with one goal in mind: climb on the back of a raging, 2,000-pound bull and hang on for dear life. The competition, a stop on Championship Bull Riding's Horizon Series, is an opportunity for riders to generate points to qualify for bigger competitions, including the more prominent Professional Bull Riding league.

"There are a lot of different series and circuits in bull riding," said Richard Kirmer, junior in animal science and production management and the facility and stock chair for the K-State Rodeo Club.

Kirmer, who was in charge of the entirely student-run event, said that proceeds from ticket sales and concessions went directly to the club's scholarship fund. Although the exact proceeds were still being calculated, Kirmer said that last year's competition brought in almost \$2,000, and he hopes this year's improves on that figure.

"The scholarships go to people that are very active in the club, as a reward and an incentive," Kirmer said. "We were hoping to fill up Weber Arena. We didn't quite get it full, but

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Emily DeShazer | Collegian
A bull rider holds on for dear life as the bull underneath takes him on a wild ride in an attempt to throw him off Friday night at Weber Arena. The competition was part of the Champion Bull Riding Horizon Series.

Men's basketball team falls to Iowa State, lose second straight game



Suhaib Tawil | Iowa State Daily
Iowa State senior guard Chris Babb holds onto the ball as senior guard Martavious Irving and two other K-State players try to strip it away on Saturday at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. The Cyclones won, 73-67.

Nicolas Wahl
staff writer

If there is one thing you can count on over the course of an 18-game Big 12 basketball schedule, it's that it is a grind.

After starting out the season 14-2 (4-0 Big 12 Conference) and rising to as high as No. 11 in the polls to start the week, the K-State men's basketball team suffered its second loss

in as many games Saturday afternoon as Iowa State beat the Wildcats 73-67 in Ames. That loss, coupled with Tuesday's 59-55 home defeat at the hands of Kansas, severely damaged the Wildcats' chances of stealing a Big 12 title.

"[Against] KU, there were times we needed to make stops at the end of the game, and we

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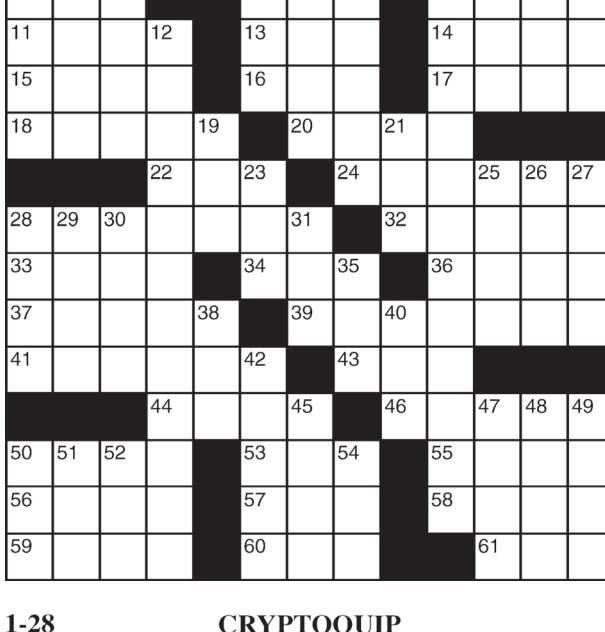
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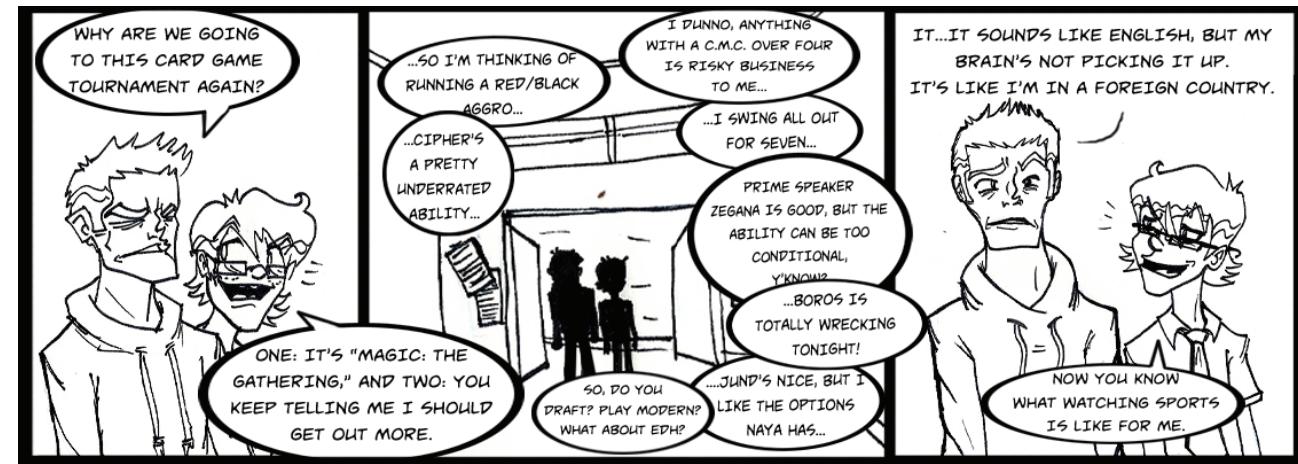
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ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, Jan. 24

Jordan Matthew Gadd, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Omar Ignasio Clar, of Fort Riley, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Derren Michael Ryan, of the 300 block of Northfield Road, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Michael Ray Johnson, of the 800 block of Yuma Street, was booked for probation violation and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Breanna Kay Ney, of Kansas City, Mo., was booked for no driver's license and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Mouhamadou Wilane, of Leonardville, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$500.

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Friday, Jan. 25

Decemantrea Nashay Richardson, of Wichita, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Cole H. Castens, of the 4000 block of Coachmen Road, was booked for unlawful possession of hallucinogens and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Caitlin Marie Lehr, of the 600 block of Highland Ridge Drive, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Jimmy Lee Barkley, of Oakland, Md., was booked for driving under the influence, reckless driving and unlawful transportation of an open container. Bond was set at \$3,000.

William Scott Bird, of Marquette, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

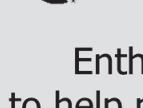
Aline Haley Appelhanz, of the 500 block of Moro Street, was booked for extradition of an imprisoned person. No bond was set.

Phillip Ramzi Touma, of Brooklyn, NY, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Andres Acosta Jr., of Fort Riley, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$500.

Stephen William King, of the 2100 block of Goodnow Circle, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$939.

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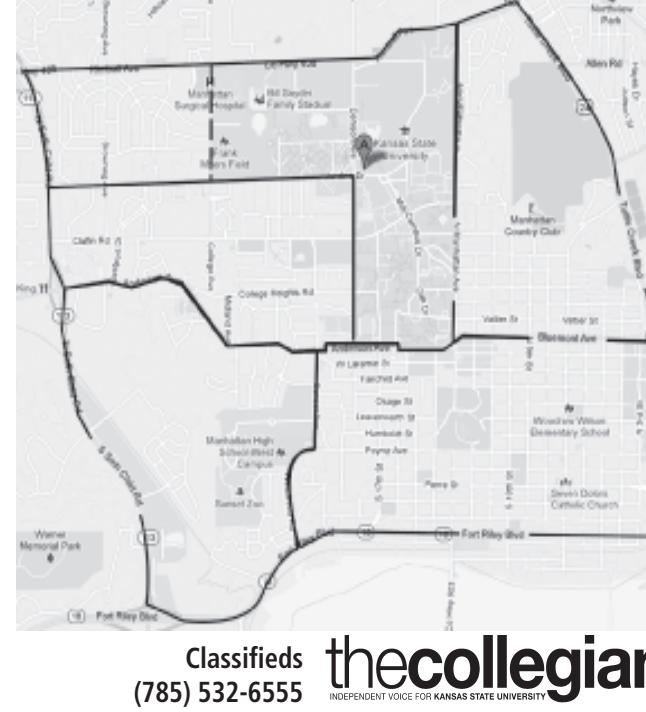
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TRACK

Men's, women's teams each finish third at invitationalAdam Suderman
staff writer

The K-State track and field team faced its toughest competition so far this season at the Bill Bergan Invitational in Ames, Iowa, over this last weekend.

After competing against many teams scattered throughout the top 20, including the No. 8 Minnesota men's team and the No. 9 Iowa State women's team, the Wildcats finished third in team rankings in both the men's and women's events.

On Saturday, K-State's well-known high jump duo, senior Erik Kynard and junior Zack Riley, didn't disappoint as the tandem took first and second. Kynard finished in first with a jump of 7-04.25, and Riley followed just behind at 7-02.25.

Head coach Cliff Rovelto said that while the team's performances were good overall, the athletes new to the track program stood out.

"I thought the meet was pretty good," Rovelto said. "We had a number of PRs [personal records], and I was really impressed with the young kids and those new to the program. I think there is cause for much excitement moving forward this season."

The Wildcat women had a number of second place finishes in Ames, including performances by freshman Alyssa Kelly in the triple jump with a mark of 38-05.50 and the 4x400 relay team of freshmen Tia Gamble, Ashley Williams, Jordan Matthews and Sonia Gaskin.

The relay team came in just behind the Iowa State Cyclones, finishing under a second behind the first place mark.

Junior transfer Jharyl Bowry has impressed at each meet this season, scoring the Big 12 Conference's best mark in the long jump.

After this weekend's meet in Ames, teammate Ifeanyi Otuonye gave the Wildcats yet another top conference tandem with a first place jump of 24-03.50.

In the opening two days of the meet, the multi-events took center stage, and a number of Wildcats came away with impressive early season scores.

Leading the way for the K-State men were seniors Devin Dick and Tomas Kirielius who finished second and third respectively.

On the women's side, sophomore Joslyn Barnes finished second with 3,569 points behind K-State volunteer coach Bettie Wade who was in the weekend's meet competing unattached.

Overall, Rovelto said the marks are about where he hoped Dick and Kirielius would be at meet's end.

"Those scores are PRs for both of them," Rovelto said. "I thought Devin could be in the 5,500-plus range, and Tomas could be 5,300, so they weren't far off. I think they were both pretty solid, except for one event for each of them. Devin was pretty solid. There wasn't anything disappointing. They're both on track to do what we hope they can do at the conference championship meet."

Next up for the Wildcats will be the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. Action will get under way on Friday and finish up on Saturday.

RODEO | K-State to hold rodeo in February

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we're working on it."

According to Jackie Harpold, junior in animal sciences and industry, who attends bull-riding competitions about once a month, Friday's event was smaller than many she sees, but was fun to watch nonetheless.

"The toughness of all the athletes is amazing," Harpold said. "I mean, the bulls and the riders are both incredible athletes. They're like celebrities. It's just a lot of fun to get out and watch some bull riding."

The Rodeo Club's next event is the K-State Rodeo, which according to Kirmer is the biggest rodeo in the central plains region. The K-State Rodeo draws fans from throughout Kansas and Oklahoma. Kirmer says the club expects about 10,000 spectators to come to Weber Arena from Feb. 22-24 to

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Jackie Harpold
junior, animal sciences and industry

watch about 300 contestants compete in a variety of events.

"The rodeo is the third-biggest event at K-State," Kirmer said. "Not too many people know that fact."

Kirmer said the proceeds from the rodeo, for which live-stock will begin arriving over a week and a half in advance, are used to pay for the next year's rodeo. This way the club's focus is to always make the event bigger and better than the previous year.

"We all have a passion for horses and the sport of rodeo," said Cassie Sims, senior in agricultural economics and a member of the club. "We meet about twice a month and work hard to put on these events every year."

TENNIS

Wildcats take down College of William and Mary, Harvard in BostonJohn Zetmeir
staff writer

For the eighth time in the last nine seasons the K-State's women's tennis team won their season opener. This season the Wildcats traveled to Boston to take on the College of William and Mary. It proved to be a difficult duel for

the Wildcats, but they escaped with a 4-3 win on Saturday.

"This was a very difficult match to win, and we give a lot of respect to William and Mary. All of our players are very strong competitors," said K-State head coach Steve Bietau after the matches. "I am happy with the way we finished the match. We still

have a lot of improvements to make, but this win definitely is a very positive start of our season."

William and Mary won two of the three doubles matches to win the first point of the game, but K-State dominated in the singles matches.

Behind junior Petra Niedermayerova, who is currently the

No. 15 ranked singles player in the country, the Wildcats defeated William and Mary in four of six singles matches to help earn the 4-3 win. Senior Karla Bonacic, freshman Ivana Kubickova and senior Ana Gomez Aleman also won their singles matches.

On Sunday, K-State kept it rolling with a win over Har-

vard. This matchup came a little easier for the Wildcats, as they beat Harvard 5-2. The Wildcats won all three doubles matches as well as four of the six singles matches.

Niedermayerova climbed two spots higher on the all-time wins list for K-State over the weekend. The junior now holds a career record of 64-28,

which ties her for fifth in school history. Niedermayerova is only 16 wins away from becoming the all-time leader, and she is only in her junior season.

The women's tennis team is now 2-0 and will be back on the courts on Feb. 9 to take on the University of Tulsa in their first home meet of the season.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Senior guard Brittany Chambers dribbles the ball around an Oklahoma State player on Jan. 23 at Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats won against Oklahoma State, 76-70, but fell at Texas on Saturday. On Feb. 2, K-State hosts Kansas at home for the Sunflower Showdown.

Cold shooting ends Cats' two-game streakMark Kern
sports editor

The 3-point ball is the great equalizer in college basketball. If, in every game, a team can live by the 3, they can ultimately die by the 3 as well. On Saturday, when playing the Texas Longhorns (8-11, 1-7 Big 12 Conference) in Austin, members of the K-State women's basketball team (12-8, 3-5 Big 12) were unable to find their shots from the outside, hitting just 23 percent of their 3-pointers and falling 59-40.

K-State got off to a strong start, as two shots by senior guard Brittany Chambers from the outside gave the Wildcats a 22-13 lead with just under eight minutes left in the first quarter. However, the Wildcats went cold for the rest of the half and only scored four more points. This allowed the Longhorns rebound, cutting the Wildcat lead to 26-24 as the two teams headed

into the half.

Unfortunately, the Wildcats were not able to find their offensive rhythm in the second half, only scoring 14 second-half points and allowing the Longhorns to pull away for their double-digit victory.

Leading the Wildcats was Chambers, finishing the game with 15 points to go along with three rebounds and three assists.

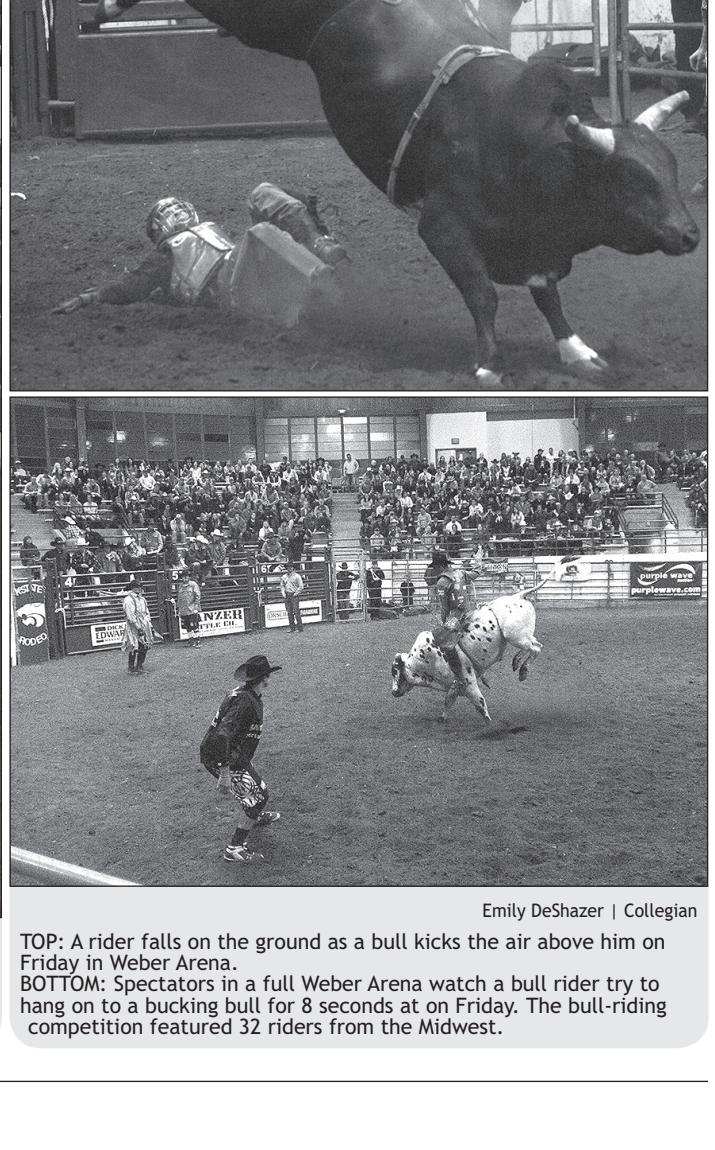
The Longhorns' frontcourt made a huge difference in the game. Texas sophomore forward Nneka Enemkpali, with 20 points and 16 rebounds, and freshman center Imani McGee-Stafford, with 18 points and 11 rebounds, both had huge games against the small K-State frontcourt.

The Wildcats will be back in action next Saturday as they play host to the Kansas Jayhawks in the Sunflower Showdown. Opening tipoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. in Bramlage Coliseum.



Parker Robb | Collegian

A bull rider emerges from the gates at the bull-riding competition in Weber Arena on Friday night. The competition was a stop in the Champion Bull Riding Horizon Series.



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TOP: A rider falls on the ground as a bull kicks the air above him on Friday in Weber Arena.
BOTTOM: Spectators in a full Weber Arena watch a bull rider try to hang on to a bucking bull for 8 seconds on Friday. The bull-riding competition featured 32 riders from the Midwest.

BBALL | Tied for third in Big 12 Conference

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just didn't make that stop," said junior guard Will Spradling, whose 15 points lead K-State following the loss to the Cyclones. "That happened today, too, when we didn't get those rebounds we needed."

The Wildcats are now part of a five-team logjam stuck behind Kansas who is undefeated in the Big 12. There should be some major shake-ups among Baylor, with a 5-1 conference record, K-State, Iowa State and Oklahoma who are all 4-2 and Oklahoma State at 3-3 in the Big 12 standings.

The way the schedule is laid out for this week, the Wildcats have the chance to make it through the week without adding another loss. Doing so would be huge for K-State's hopes to earn high seeds in both the Big 12 and NCAA tournaments.

K-State will host a struggling Texas team on Wednesday before traveling to Oklahoma on Saturday for an important rematch with the Sooners.

To do so the Wildcats are going to have to find a way to re-establish the inside presence that has been seemingly absent in their last two ballgames. K-State was out-muscled by both Kansas — and more alarmingly by Iowa State — in those close losses, particularly on the defensive end, allowing offensive rebounds on over one-third of opponents' possessions over the course of the two games.

The Wildcat big men also struggled to score. Forwards senior Jordan Henriquez, sophomore Thomas Gipson, sophomore Adrian Diaz and freshman D.J. Johnson managed just 19 points between them in the two losses.

"The thing that made us good for most of the season is that we guarded, out-toughed and out-played people," K-State coach Bruce Weber told reporters after the Iowa State loss. "We've been getting beat on the offensive glass and the loose balls."

The perimeter emergence of junior guard Shane Southwell, who is averaging 11.8 points a game in Big 12 play, and the continued excellence of Big 12 scoring leader Rodney McGruder, with 18.7 points per game in conference play, has spurred the Wildcats lately. That said, inconsistency from Spradling and an inability to stay on the court by sophomore point guard Angel Rodriguez have been instrumental in K-State's struggles.

Southwell's emergence has been a catalyst in head coach Bruce Weber's decision to go with a smaller lineup in recent games. This ties back to rebounding; though K-State has seen more offense from outside, opponents are taking advantage on the glass. The latter is a trend that Southwell isn't happy with.

"There are no excuses. I had four rebounds. My man had 10," Southwell said. "There are no excuses for that."

They really could call this "separation week" in the Big 12. K-State will try to do just that as they look to regroup from last week's disappointments.

Southwell isn't looking back.

"It's frustrating, but we just have to come back and practice harder. We will be fine; we are going to compete at a higher level," Southwell said.

Discourse surrounding gun issues getting nowhere



Brian Hampel

Fun fact: In his first term, President Obama signed two gun-related bills. You'd never know it from listening to his opponents, but both bills actually extended gun rights, allowing citizens to carry guns in national parks and on Amtrak trains. They're mild, short-reaching laws, and this sort of mildness has been the tone for gun control measures as long as I've been alive. Laws that restrict gun ownership haven't gone much further than the assault weapons ban, a moderate law that doesn't even exist anymore.

Since American gun ownership has enjoyed a stable, mostly unfettered relationship with the law, it amazes me that gun advocates still treat the issue like it's under fire. Even when a relatively small issue like the noteworthy "gun show loophole" is brought up, the two sides are so agitated they talk right past each other.

There's never a substantive national conversation about gun control because one side immediately says something about prying guns from their cold, dead hands, and the other side brings up dead children. The discussion devolves into a frenzy, and nothing gets accomplished.

Somehow, the gun show loophole still exists, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives still hasn't had a permanent director in six years. These aren't even restrictions on Second Amendment rights — they're just matters of good housekeeping — but there's no sign of progress because advocates keep warring with each other over nothing.

Salon.com recently ran a piece on Jan. 25 called "12 rational responses to irrational gun arguments" that made some interesting points with awful presentation. The first rational response managed to come across as condescending: "I'm not anti-gun, I'm pro-kindergarten," and it got worse at the third response with, "If dead kindergartners don't deserve your attention, what does?"

This brand of moral superiority — blaming the other side for the deaths of children without explicitly saying it — will never

convince anyone. It's no wonder gun enthusiasts don't want to talk about gun restrictions if the conversation starts with them being called baby-killers.

On the other hand are the gun supporters' reactions to the 23 executive orders signed by President Obama on Jan. 16. For example, number 6 published a letter to gun dealers with non-binding guidelines about background checks. Number 14 called for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to research causes and prevention of gun violence, and the last four are all concerned with mental health facilities.

None of the orders even came close to banning guns of any kind, but that didn't stop the pundit community (or my Facebook feed, for that matter) from exploding with anger over the government taking our guns away and a slew of inapt Hitler analogies.

Perhaps it's the result of a lot of successful campaigning from the NRA over the last few decades, but somehow, gun advocates spring into outrage mode with surprisingly little provocation. Take Alex Jones, the radio host who notably yelled at Piers Morgan for several minutes during a Jan. 7 interview, mentioning that tyrants like Hitler, Stalin and Castro "took the guns" in a context that was only loosely related to anything Morgan had asked. Texas Congressman Steve Stockman went so far as to threaten President Obama with articles of impeachment if he were to use an executive order to enact gun control.

Admittedly, those two men aren't great examples of discourse, but I still see a common perception that any gun restriction whatsoever is a violation of the Second Amendment. The First Amendment's guarantee of free speech is often curbed for cases like hate speech or "clear and present danger," yet so many don't see any way to similarly curb the Second Amendment when gun violence poses a clear and present danger to American citizens.

In the same vein, pundit cul-

ture has a bad habit of equating background checks and inventory laws with weapon confiscation on a dictatorial scale, hence the (mis)perception that Obama, the president who would let you take a gun into Yellowstone, is out to take your guns away.

I bet most people would agree that it's a good idea to keep dangerous weap-

without confiscating every firearm in the country. I just never hear anyone talk about that sort of thing because gun rights are treated like a sacred cow, and anything that enters the sacred cow's pasture is swarmed by shouting and Hitler analogies.

We could make

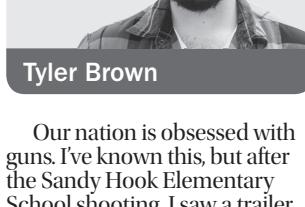
some real progress on gun violence as a country, but the echo chambers of our media prevent it by constantly acting threatened and crippling the discourse.

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Serious thought, compromise needed in national gun control debate



Tyler Brown

Our nation is obsessed with guns. I've known this, but after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, I saw a trailer for Arnold Schwarzenegger's latest movie, "The Last Stand." I realize it's an action movie, but the large amount of gunfire in the trailer post-Sandy Hook made me recognize how in love with guns our culture really is.

How could we not be? Settlers took this land from Native American tribes through

trickery and threat. We declared the land as our own, and defended it against the crown. When our developing country was split between north and south, many took up arms to defend their way of life. From there, we've fought in multiple wars and have enjoyed relative stability as a world superpower.

This past Tuesday, a reminder of our gun love occurred when a gunman opened fire at Lone Star College in Houston roughly a month after Sandy Hook. Key differences exist between the shootings, but it can't be ignored that this is another case of an individual opening fire in public.

The shooting at Lone Star College started between two men in an argument when one of them pulled a gun and fired. You'd think there would be

some law in place to prevent this from happening. The opposite is true.

Checking the college's website, it seems they have the right to prohibit licensed individuals from carrying concealed weapons but don't do so outright. According to a Huffington Post article from Jan. 22, even Steve Sanders, president of the gun rights group at Lone Star, "wasn't sure" if he was allowed to carry a concealed weapon on campus. Sanders was likely thinking of Senate Bill 182, filed by Senator Brian Birdwell last week, that would allow students to carry concealed weapons on campus.

Modern firearms can fire projectiles at a rate of up to 3,000 feet per second. When a bullet careens into the body, it loses momentum as it flips end

over end. Sometimes the strain is too much and it shatters. The pieces can further tear through muscles and vital organs, leaving someone gravely wounded and bleeding out or (unsurprisingly) dead.

When we think about it this way, do we really want more people carrying firearms around? Unfortunately, there isn't a way for us to control the flow of firearms.

Part of the reason the U.S. is lacking in gun control is the National Rifle Association. In 2011, the NRA sued the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The injunction was against a new rule that would require gun dealers in Arizona, New Mexico, California and Texas to report when someone buys more than one semiautomatic rifle with a

detachable magazine and uses ammunition greater than .22 caliber within five days. This new rule was designed to stop "straw buying" and guns ending up in the hands of Mexican drug cartels.

Although the NRA causes more problems than it solves, some can be found in the disarray of the ATF itself. Its current acting director, B. Todd Jones, doubles as the U.S. attorney for Minnesota. That's right, two full-time jobs. Furthermore, the Senate hasn't confirmed a director of the ATF since 2006. This is all because Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner slipped the need for confirmation into a Patriot Act renewal in 2006.

This means that, with all of the other aspects of the Patriot Act, the requirement of the confirmation of an ATF director goes largely unacknowledged.

Sensenbrenner received the NRA's Defender of Freedom Award that same year.

All of this, including an amendment written by Todd Tiahrt that limits the information from a firearm tracing database to law enforcement agencies and prosecutors and prevents the creation of a national registry, just shows that the NRA has effectively castrated the ATF.

Frustrated over gun control laws, the group Mayors Against Illegal Guns created the website tracetheguns.org, utilizing ATF gun trafficking statistics from September 2010. With this site it's easy to see 10 laws that can curb gun trafficking and which states have them.

For example, the main suspect in the Lone Star shooting, Carlton Berry, could have been stopped. Berry has three Class B misdemeanors which should disqualify him from a concealed-carry permit. However, Texas doesn't have a law that prohibits criminals with misdemeanors from purchasing guns. To bring it closer to home, Kansas doesn't have any of the 10 laws.

Take a look at how gun laws work in other countries. In Canada, applicants must take a safety course, pass a criminal records check and be certified by a firearms officer. In Japan, applicants must attend a shooting class and pass a test, pass a "mental test" to ensure they aren't suffering from a readily detectable mental illness and provide a certificate to the police that they are mentally sound and drug free. It only gets more strict. The police

have total discretion when giving out licenses in Japan.

Although I don't think these systems are perfect, I do believe it's time for a change in this country. After the Sandy Hook shooting, Vice President Joe Biden urged reform, and President Obama announced his plan for gun control. Obama's plan includes:

— Criminal background checks for all gun sales.

— Reinstating the assault weapons ban.

— Restoring a 10-round limit on ammunition magazines.

— Eliminating armor-piercing bullets.

— Allocating funds to hire more police officers.

— Instituting a federal gun trafficking statute.

Gun advocates are up in arms about this new push, but should they be? I can see how someone would want a handgun, rifle or shotgun for home defense or hunting, but does a civilian have any need for a gun able to pump out multiple armor-piercing rounds a second from a magazine holding absurd amounts of ammo? No.

I've been to the shooting range, and I'll admit it's a fun and thrilling experience. As I said before, I find any gun except assault weapons acceptable for ownership because they serve a purpose other than being fun and deadly adult toys.

As far as concealed-carry licenses go, I'm left a bit skeptical. I know that guns have been a part of everyday life in this country for years, but we don't live in "untamed" land anymore. Just because we can carry a deadly weapon around willy-nilly doesn't mean we should.

When talking to my step-father about reform, he said, "Yeah, good luck. We've been a gun country for ages." It's this holding on to the past and fetishizing of gun culture that's holding back positive advancement. Just because something has been a certain way for years doesn't mean it should stay that way. History isn't created by stagnation.

In the past 50 years, 15 of the 25 worst mass shootings have happened in our country. How much more tragedy has to occur before we do something to limit the potential for violence?

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Edward Anthony Cain Jr., of the 100 block of Butterfield Road, was booked for aggravated battery and criminal threat. Bond was set at \$8,000.

Katrina Marie Fair, of the 200 block of Northview Drive, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$165.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Charles Edward Williams, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,000.

John Maynard Zeller, of the 5700 block of West 76th Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

compiled by Katie Goerl

The Fourum is a quirky view of campus life in voices from the K-State community. Positive and humorous comments are selected for publication by the Collegian staff.

I had 100 problems, but now that the fourum is back... well you know how the song goes.

I feel like I'm sleeping next to a 60 yr old man! Snorrrr! #zzzz

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People who like both K-State football and KU basketball have their own little special place in hell.

Eighteen63 having to shut down because of water damage is extremely sad. I wish them the best of luck on the recovery.

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On a scale of 1 to 9, I'm 7.

My cat has frosted tips. He must think he's in a boy band.

I want to jump on the back of one of those cage trucks on campus.

When will the Ken Ken come back? That's when the Collegian will steal my heart again. Thankful for the fourum though, props.

I wish I could enter the mind of a squirrel on campus for a day.

Papa bear brings the honey.

Iowa State... Really?

I want my cake NOW!

That moment on campus when you see an athlete... And they always have their headphones on. Why?

Why doesn't the Collegian include a coloring page in the Friday issue? What else would college kids want to do?

Te'o's girlfriend attends every KU football game.

Since the College of Business is getting a new building JMC (Kedzie) should just make an expansion and combine with Calvin.

If I see another KU fan in Manhattan I will snap.

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Magician entertains students with humor, magic in Forum Hall

Zaldy Doyungan
staff writer

Forum Hall filled quickly on Friday as students filed in to see Derek Hughes, comedian and magician. UPC After Hours concluded its semester kickoff Winter Week of Welcome activities on Friday with a magic show for students to enjoy after the first week of classes.

Hughes has appeared on the TV show "CSI: NY" and in the movie "Mr. Deeds" starring Adam Sandler. He also appeared on reality show "Celebracadabra" in which he helped teach celebrities professional magic tricks. The show only ran for one year in 2008 on VH1.

Hughes now spends his time putting on comedic magic shows around the U.S. Hughes attempted many tricks while cracking jokes that had the audience laughing on the edge of their seats. He also incorporated a few members of the audience into his show to help him with his magic tricks.

"At first I was really nervous, but it was really fun," said Jessica Symons, senior in architecture, who was chosen to be a volunteer for one of Hughes' tricks.

Symons ended up taking home a souvenir from the show: the playing card she chose during Hughes' trick in which he pulled the card out of his mouth.

"I might put it on my wall," Symons said.

The night was filled with humor and mind-twisting magic tricks, but Hughes also told the audience the story of how he got involved with magic.

"I had been given a chemistry set when I was 10, and I wasn't into it," Hughes said.

"But my buddy had a magic set sitting in the dust, so I decided to trade him. As chance would have it, I was born with a birth defect in my heart and therefore in fifth grade, I had to get surgery to fix it, which forced me out of school for half a year. And in that solitude, I turned my attention to that magic kit, and it really captured my imagination."

With his sense of humor and his sleight of hand, he was able to be professionally successful in his chosen career. He appeared on MTV and VH1, and was also invited to perform his magic routine at the HBO Comedy festival in Aspen, Colo., which featured many comedians, including

Dave Chappelle.

"Two nights ago, for two nights I opened for David Spade," Hughes said. "I also worked with Dave Attell a week before that, and I've been pretty good friends with Nick Swardson — he's one of my best friends from Minnesota."

The show was UPC After Hours' first of the semester. Rachel Estes, junior in open option and co-chair for UPC After Hours, said they saw a video of Hughes on the Internet and thought he was hilarious.

"We just got his number, contacted him and he thought it was a good idea to come," Estes said.

UPC After Hours is an organization that presents substance-free events and entertainment every Friday night. It is funded by the students with help from the Office of Student Activities and Services and the Student Governing Association, so generally the admission is free.

"We have western night coming up with the rodeo club, and the swing dance club is coming to sponsor us," Estes said. "We also have Lego night, so the people from Lego are coming to help with the events as well as some architecture people."

For more information on UPC After Hours and their upcoming shows and events, you can visit their website at k-state.edu/upc.



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Brent Davis (right) senior in kinesiology, holds the tip of a playing card while comedian and magician Derek Hughes (left) pulls the rest of the same card from an undisclosed location in his pants. The audience in the K-State Student Union's Forum Hall Saturday night erupted applause after the performance was over.

GUNS | Campus entity CIRT works to prevent violent situations

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are different," Carlin said. "The amount of gun violence has increased dramatically, and we have to really look at safety for citizens for our country."

One of Carlin's beliefs that contradicts many of her peers in the state legislature is her disagreement with the right to carry a concealed weapon.

"I oppose concealed carry, period," Carlin said. "And I also opposed it when they tried to allow concealed carry on campus. The university opposes that, and I certainly understand that. I don't approve of carrying a gun that you can't see."

Currently, both state law and campus policy state that it is illegal to carry a gun on campus, either concealed or open carry.

"In Kansas, law-abiding citizens are allowed to carry. But within that law, there are limited places where they cannot carry," said Capt. Don Stubbings of the K-State Police Department. "One of the examples is an institute of higher learning — within the buildings. This is an area that concealed carry is not permitted. It's not only the law, but it's a policy violation for the university as well. The university has a no guns or weapons policy."

There is a new chapter of a nationwide group on campus called Students for Concealed Carry that believes law-abiding students should be allowed to carry concealed weapons on campus.

Robert Auten, the adviser to the K-State chapter, said that many believe their organization wants to have masses of gun-toting students walking around campus.

"One myth is that we want to arm all college students, and nothing could be further from the truth," Auten said.

Currently, the university has a Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), which is made up of various entities on campus, including the K-State Police and Student Life departments.

The goal of the CIRT is to actively prevent a violent situation from happening on campus by reaching out to any students who are showing suspicious or disturbing behavior.

"If there is an incident, say an outburst in class or an angry student, we try to intervene before it gets to that level," Stubbings said. "It seems to work well."

Heather Reed, the director of Student Life on campus and the chair of CIRT, says there about 20-25 incidents per year that require CIRT.

"The types of student situations that require the CIRT are serious student situations and campus threats," Reed said. "That's the definition of what a critical incident is. It's my job to gather information really quickly about what is going on, and if it reaches that seriously disruptive situation, then I will call a CIRT."

We should not have the ability to use our freedom to hurt other people.

Sydney Carlin
Kansas state representative, 66th district

The CIRT was formed after the Virginia Tech massacre.

"After Virginia Tech a crisis management team met, and then we actually started CIRT in 2008," Reed said.

While this program is in place to prevent student violence, an active shooter could still come onto campus and open fire. Currently, both the campus police and the Riley County Police Department train yearly for situations involving active shooters in order to help prepare their officers to deal with such a crisis.

"In terms of active violence or active shooter, we do training each year," Stubbings said. "We collaborate with the Riley

County Police Department and do training as well, and we've been doing it since Columbine. The active shooter — we hear about Virginia Tech and things of that nature. But the truth is, we started changing the way we approach an active shooter back to Columbine."

According to Stubbings,

that discusses what citizens should do if an active shooter scenario does occur. The video is graphic in nature, but it encourages people to run, hide or fight the shooter, in that order.

The current gun-violence trend is nationwide. Government entities from the White House down to local government are trying to find ways to combat this issue. Many legislatures believe that strengthening gun laws is the answer, while others say that doing so will simply exacerbate the problem. Whatever the solution is, law enforcement officers will continue to do their best to actively prevent and respond appropriately to incidents of gun violence.

"It's absolutely essential that we are able to train people in a position of authority or control to be able to respond appropriately," Carlin said. "It's very different from when I was a little girl. We didn't have those things. I don't know why it's changing, but I wish I did. I am a strong personal rights person, but you lose those personal rights when you're going across the lines and infringing on another person's rights."

Carlin added, "We should not have the ability to use our freedom to hurt other people."

LEAK | Planet Sub sustains damages

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and 12 firefighters were in Eighteen63 for about an hour and a half Saturday morning cleaning up the standing water. Insurance agents will be coming in to further assess the damages. Galli noted that the amount of damage sustained by the bedrock between the walls would be a determining factor in how long the restaurant would stay closed.

Planet Sub, which is located next to Eighteen63, also sustained some damage, but according to general manager Chloe Browne, it wasn't nearly as extensive as next door.

"All the ceiling tiles in our kitchen fell out, and the phones up front got a little wet and they aren't working too well, but other than that, we're good to go," Browne said. "We share a wall, and they're working on drilling into that and draining out the water, but we got very lucky."

According to Browne, all of Planet Subs food products stayed dry, and the restaurant was able to open as scheduled.

As for Eighteen63, Galli says that the planned birthday celebration may be replaced with a grand reopening over the next few weeks. "We still want to thank all our customers," he said. "Right now, our main concern is getting the bar back open for them and for our employees."

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